

(Washington, DC) Today, Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-Miramar) introduced a resolution commemorating the 4th anniversary of National Pollinator Week, which takes place from June 21 – 27, 2010. **(Please find attached a copy of the resolution).**

“National Pollinator Week is a time to acknowledge the vital place pollinators occupy in our society,” said Hastings. “One-third of all food and beverages as well as \$20 billion worth of products in the United States alone are derived from pollinators. These animals are essential for the survival of ecosystems across the country as well as the sustainability and security of our food supply.”

Pollinators such as bees, bats, birds and butterflies enable the fertilization of plants and crops by moving their pollen. Because of the indispensability of these animals, National Pollinator Week is necessary to increase awareness of pollinators and highlight the need to protect them.

“There are many things people can do to help protect and encourage pollinators’ growth and survival,” Hastings acknowledged. “For instance, you can plant a garden with native flowering plants supplying pollinators with nectar, pollen and homes as well as work to minimize pollution and use of chemicals that contaminate their habitats.

“I hope that this year’s National Pollinator Week celebration will educate the public about the pollinators’ important role. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution to protect these species and our environment.”

Joining Hastings as original co-sponsors of the resolution are Representatives Tim Johnson (R-IL), Dennis Cardoza (D-CA), Henry Brown (R-SC), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Leonard Boswell (D-IA), Michael Michaud (D-ME), Tim Holden (D-PA) and Adam Putnam (R-FL).

Congressman Alcee L. Hastings is Vice Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, a senior member of the House Rules Committee, and Co-Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission.

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